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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I will agree to be paid by the word if I can get enough for each word. And I haven't determined how much that should be yet. I don't even know if I'll get the job. If we're all lucky, those of us who are still in the Legislature, the world may come to an end before term limits kicks in. We don't even have anything to worry about. It's all over. But if that doesn't happen, we're going to be doing what I'm doing here today. And if everybody did what I do here today, not only would I not have to do it so much and so often, nobody would. Because there would be more than one set of eyes focusing on this legislation in a critical, analytical manner, and we would get better legislation. We would have fewer bills and people would be able to tell lobbyists, no. They'd be able to tell constituents, no, I know you want me to offer a bill that says the butterfly shall...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...be the official...oh, thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You heard the opening on FA1496. Continuing debate, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm going to be collegial. I'm only going to speak one more time on this bill. I didn't hear that exhalation of a great sigh, but nevertheless, maybe my colleagues are too weak to even do that. I was talking about people bringing bills to name insects the state insect, state rocks. Legislators are too accommodating. I have said before that we serve the public, but we do not serve them in the manner of slaves. Our judgment is what we were sent down here to exercise. We are to inform our intellects. We're to bring that knowledge to bear on issues. Then we are to use our judgment in determining what would be in the best interest of the public. As public men and women, that's what we should be doing, in my opinion. We could increase the stature of the Legislature if every simple-minded notion could not find its way on this floor. When the day comes that senators can stop saying this bill is no good but I had to bring it because so and so asked me to, but kill it, when the